

any supplier, S. 1273, to amend the Federal Power Act, to facilitate the transition to more competitive and efficient electric power markets, S. 1047, to provide for a more competitive electric power industry, S. 516, to benefit consumers by promoting competition in the electric power industry, and S. 282, to provide that no electric utility shall be required to enter into a new contract or obligation to purchase or to sell electricity or capacity under section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, receiving testimony from Bill Richardson, Secretary of Energy; Arthur W. Adelberg, Central Maine Power Group, Inc., on behalf of the Alliance for Competitive Electricity, and Stephen Ward, Maine Office of Public Advocate, on behalf of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates, both of Augusta; Bob Rowe, Montana Public Service Commission, Helena, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; David N. Cook, North American Electric Reliability Council, Princeton, New Jersey; and William Mayben, Nebraska Public Power District, Columbus, on behalf of the Large Public Power Council.

Hearings continue on Thursday, April 13.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Carey Cavanaugh, of Florida, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Negotiator for Nagorno-Karabakh and New Independent States Regional Conflicts, Christopher Robert Hill, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland, and Thomas G. Weston, of Michigan, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Coordinator for Cyprus, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

U.S. CHINA POLICY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings on United States policy towards the People's Republic of China, focusing on granting Permanent

Normal Trade Status and human rights conditions, receiving testimony from Wei Jingsheng, Columbia University Center for the Study of Human Rights, New York, New York, on behalf of the Wei Jingsheng Foundation, Inc.; and Arthur Waldron, American Enterprise Institute, Greg Mastel, New America Foundation, and Robert A. Kapp, U.S.-China Business Council, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded hearings to examine early childhood programs for low-income families, focusing on federal and state funding and collaborative efforts and the effectiveness of federal preschool and child care programs, after receiving testimony from Marnie S. Shaul, Associate Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Elaine Zimmerman, Connecticut General Assembly Commission on Children, Hartford; and Douglas J. Besharov, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.

FUNERAL AND BURIAL CONSUMER PROTECTION

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine issues facing consumers when preplanning, arranging and conducting funeral and burial activities, focusing on educating consumers about funeral-related industries, exposing bad practices, exploring the extent of consumer satisfaction, and law enforcement activities, after receiving testimony from Eileen Harrington, Associate Director for Marketing Practices, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; G. V. Ayers, California Department of Consumer Affairs Cemetery and Funeral Bureau, Sacramento; Jay U. Jacobson, Pella, Iowa, on behalf of the National Funeral Directors Association; and Paul M. Elvig, International Cemetery and Funeral Association, Reston, Virginia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 4227–4244; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 301–302, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4067, to repeal the prohibition on the payment of interest on demand deposits, and for other purposes, amended (H. Rept. 106–568);

H.R. 3417, to complete the orderly withdrawal of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration from the civil administration of the Pribilof Islands, Alaska, amended (H. Rept. 106–569);

H.R. 4021, to authorize a study to determine the best scientific method for the long-term protection of California's giant sequoia groves (H. Rept. 106-570);

H. Res. 468, providing for consideration of H.R. 2328, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Clean Lakes Program (H. Rept. 106-571);

H. Res. 469, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 106-572);

H. Res. 470, providing for consideration of H.R. 3039, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to assist in the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay (H. Rept. 106-573); and

H. Res. 471, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 94, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to tax limitations (H. Rept. 106-574). **Page H2121**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Granger to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2015**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. David Harmon of Harriman, Tennessee. **Page H2018**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:51 a.m. and reconvened at 11 a.m. **Pages H2017-18**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Statistics on Abandoned Babies: H. Res. 465, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that local, State, and Federal governments should collect and disseminate statistics on the number of newborn babies abandoned in public places; **Pages H2021-26**

Project Exile—Safe Streets and Neighborhoods: H.R. 4051, to establish a grant program that provides incentives for States to enact mandatory minimum sentences for certain firearms offenses (passed by a ye and nay vote of 358 yeas to 60 nays, Roll No. 115); **Pages H2026-36**

Visa Waiver Permanent Program Act: H.R. 3767, amended, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make improvements to, and permanently authorize, the visa waiver pilot program under section 217 of such Act; **Pages H2036-40**

Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act: Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1658, to provide a more just and uniform procedure for Federal civil forfeitures—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H2040-54**

Establishing the FTAA Permanent Secretariat in Miami, Florida: S. Con. Res. 71, expressing the

sense of Congress that Miami, Florida, and not a competing foreign city, should serve as the permanent location for the Secretariat of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) beginning in 2005; **Pages H2054-57**

Taxpayer Bill of Rights 2000: H.R. 4163, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for increased fairness to taxpayers (passed by a ye and nay vote of 424 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 116); and **Pages H2057-69, H2079**

Business Checking Modernization Act: H.R. 4067, to repeal the prohibition on the payment of interest on demand deposits, **Pages H2076-79**

Suspension—Vote Postponed: The House completed debate on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2884, to extend energy conservation programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through fiscal year 2003. **Pages H2090-93**

Suspension Failed—Clinton/Gore Administration Tax and User Fee Increases: H. Res. 467, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the tax and user fee increases proposed by the Clinton/Gore administration in their fiscal year 2001 budget should be adopted (failed to agree to by a ye and nay vote of 1 ye and 420 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 117). **Pages H2069-76, H2079-80**

Motion to Instruct Conferees: Agreed to the Rangel motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1501, to provide grants to ensure increased accountability for juvenile offenders, to insist that the conference committee meet and report a substitute that includes enforcement of gun safety laws and safety measures that prevent felons, fugitives, and stalkers from obtaining firearms and children from getting access to guns by a ye and nay vote of 406 yeas to 22 nays, Roll No. 118. **Pages H2080-89**

Democracy in Peru: The House passed S.J. Res. 43, expressing the sense of Congress that the President of the United States should encourage free and fair elections and respect for democracy in Peru. **Pages H2089-90**

National Skill Standards Board: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment, upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, of Mr. William L. Lepley of Hershey, Pennsylvania to the National Skill Standards Board for a four-year term. **Pages H2093-94**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2035-36, H2079, H2080, and H2088-89. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on U.N. Peacekeeping. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Richard Holbrooke, U.S. Ambassador to the U.N.; and David Welch, Assistant Secretary, International Organizations.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on AID Administrator. Testimony was heard from J. Brady Anderson, Administrator, AID, Department of State.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on Native American issues. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education continued appropriations hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on the U.S. Mint. Testimony was heard from John P. Mitchell, Acting Director, U.S. Mint, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies continued appropriations hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

FINANCIAL CONTRACT HIRING, HEDGE FUND DISCLOSURE, AND OVER-THE-COUNTER DERIVATIVES RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on the recommendations of the President's

Working Group on Financial Markets concerning Financial Contract Netting, Hedge Fund Disclosure, and Over-the-Counter Derivatives. Testimony was heard from Representative Baker; Lewis A. Sachs, Assistant Secretary, Financial Markets, Department of the Treasury; Patrick M. Parkinson, Associate Director, Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Annette L. Nazareth, Director, Division of Market Regulation, SEC; C. Robert Paul, General Counsel, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held an oversight hearing on the status of deployment of broadband technologies. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EDUCATION OPTIONS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Continued markup of H.R. 4141, Education Opportunities To Protect and Invest In Our Nation's Students (Education OPTIONS) Act.

Will continue tomorrow.

KOSOVO—RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Recent Developments in Kosovo and Related Issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Ambassador James Pardew, Deputy Special Advisor to the President and Secretary for Kosovo and Dayton Implementation; and James Swigert, Deputy Special Advisor, Deputy Assistant Secretary, both with the Bureau of European Affairs; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—BANKRUPTCY CODE LIMIT ON REGULATORY POWERS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on the limit on regulatory powers under the Bankruptcy Code. Testimony was heard from Ethan Posner, Deputy Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; Christopher J. Wright, General Counsel, FCC; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—INTEGRATION OF ECO-REGION ASSESSMENTS IN FOREST SERVICE PLANS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Integration of Eco-region Assessments in Forest Service Plans. Testimony was heard from Barry Hill, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO; and Chris Risbrudt, Director, Eco-